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WASHINGTON, September 20, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 15 totaled 353,133, up 2.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 and 14.7 percent above the preceding holiday week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 3.2 percent in the West and 1.7 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 7,857 cars (6.0 percent), while loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 1,644 cars (9.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 37 weeks of 1990 totaled 12,490,627, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 127,433 trailers and/or containers for the week ended September 15, up 4.7 percent from 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 37 weeks of 1990 was 4,340,026 trailers and/or containers, 3.6 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended September 15 totaled 21.5 billion, up 5.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 37 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 739.1 billion ton-miles, up 3.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 1990	SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,857	25,788	4.1 %	22,363	20.1 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,765	1,372	28.6	1,004	75.8
Metallic Ores	16,089	20,891	-23.0	16,254	-1.0
Coal	137,979	130,122	6.0	121,718	13.4
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,779	18,253	-8.1	14,134	18.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,232	9,545	7.2	8,421	21.5
Grain Mill Products	10,273	9,888	3.9	9,418	9.1
Food & Kindred Products	8,811	8,375	5.2	7,548	16.7
Primary Forest Products	10,095	10,544	-4.3	8,336	21.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,089	6,650	-8.4	4,815	26.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,212	10,382	-1.6	10,374	-1.6
Chemicals	28,519	26,997	5.6	26,279	8.5
Petroleum Products	5,777	5,393	7.1	5,185	11.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,804	11,543	-6.4	9,381	15.2
Coke	5,992	5,553	7.9	5,746	4.3
Metals & Products	10,556	9,157	15.3	8,688	21.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,684	18,040	9.1	15,428	27.6
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,354	8,989	4.1	7,027	33.1
All Other Carloads	7,266	7,452	-2.5	5,735	26.7
Total	**353,133**	**344,934**	**2.4 %**	**307,854**	**14.7 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 1990			CUMULATIVE: 37 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 1990		
TRAFFIC	1990	1989	CHANGE	1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**353,133**	**344,934**	**2.4 %**	**12,490,627**	**12,346,958**	**1.2 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	70,072	70,428	-.5	2,424,898	2,442,060	-.7
Containers	57,361	51,326	11.8	1,915,128	1,746,543	9.7
Total	**127,433**	**121,754**	**4.7**	**4,340,026**	**4,188,603**	**3.6**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**21.5**	**20.3**	**5.9 %**	**739.1 r**	**713.4**	**3.6 %**

NOTE: r Cumulative 1990 ton-miles revised to reflect reported ton-miles for 1st Quarter and 2nd Quarter 1990.